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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

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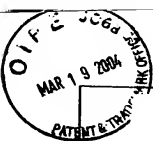
1. Transmitted herewith for filing in the above identified patent application is an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, together with a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132, including Exhibits A-I.
2. Applicants respectfully request a three month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed July 25, 2003 for which a response period expiring on October 25, 2003 was set. The extended period expired on Sunday January 25, 2004. Therefore, a response is being timely filed on Monday January 26, 2004.
3. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) extension fee of \$475.00 to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.
4. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.

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